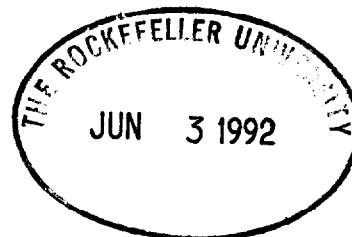


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Dear Dr. Lederburg:


Ray Bye asked me to send you some material regarding Senator William Proxmire and his involvement with NSF "funny titles" while he served in the U.S. Senate. As you know, Senator Proxmire is retired from the Senate. He donated his papers to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin. There may well be information in those files that would be of interest to you. I am enclosing information about the Proxmire papers that I received from the Senate Historical office.

I am also enclosing some other materials that may be of interest:

- o Excerpts from Senate hearings conducted by Senator Proxmire in 1975 when he questioned NSF about specific grants.
- o A clipping from Science News on those hearings.
- o A copy of a article by me that will be published in the September issue of Knowledge. It makes reference to Senator Proxmire and his "Golden Fleece" awards.

I hope this information is helpful. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me. I can be reached on (202) 357-9838.

Sincerely,


George T. Mazuzan
Historian

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TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1975

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SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10:05 a.m. in room 1218, Everett McKinley
Dirksen Office Building. Hon. William Proxmire (chairman)
presiding.
Present: Senators Proxmire and Bellmon.

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DR. NORMAN HACKERMAN, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SCIENCE
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STATEMENT OF DR. HACKERMAN

Senator PROXMIRE. The subcommittee will come to order. I under-
stand that Dr. Norman Hackerman, the head of the National Science
Board is here. Is that correct?

Dr. HACKERMAN. Yes, sir.

Senator PROXMIRE. Dr. Hackerman, would you like to make any
statements?

Dr. HACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity of
being here and talking to you briefly about the National Science Board
and its activities as related to the functions of the National Science
Foundation.

I have been on the National Science Board almost 7 years now. For
years just previous to this year, I was Chairman of one of its com-
mittees, the programs committee, which I would like to describe to you
a moment. Last September my colleagues elected me Chairman of
the Board. Therefore, I have had considerable opportunity to see how
the Board functions.

During my tenure on the Board, about 40 people have also served.
These persons have been consistently highly objective, experienced, and
knowledgeable individuals who have been reasonably unemotional in